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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: I. YAMAZAKI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/614,105  
Filed: July 8, 2003  
For: AUTOMATIC ANALYZER  
Group: 1743  
Examiner: N. Turk

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Commissioner for Patents  
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December 26, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2006, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire December 23, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**